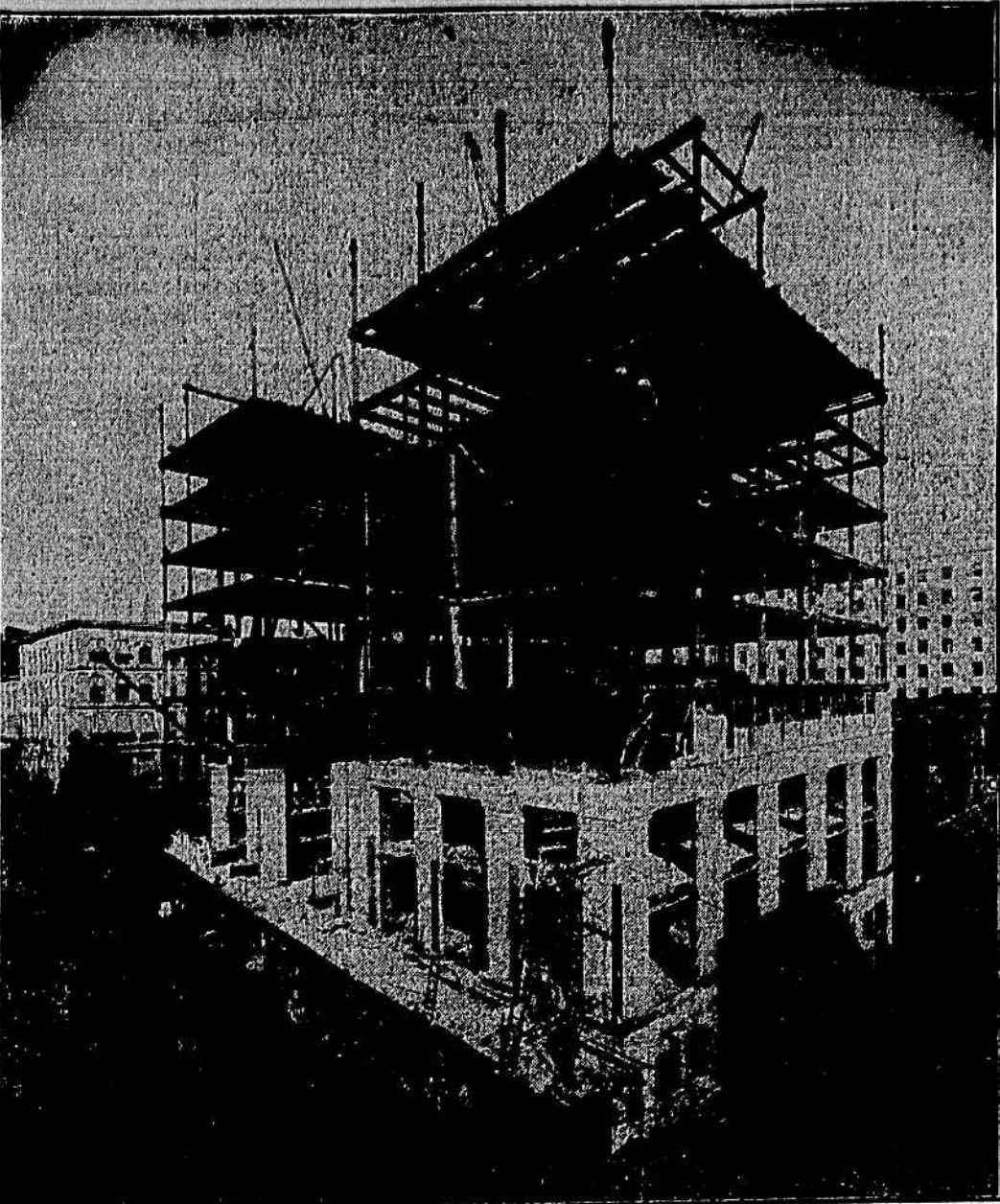


STEEL SKELETON OF THE MUTUAL BUILDING.



The photograph of the giant structure in course of erection at Ninth and Main Streets, here reproduced, was made a short while after the ninth story uprights were swung into place. All buildings in front or beside it are completely overshadowed. The contractor, Mr. J. T. Wilson, has done a remarkable piece of work in the face of many difficulties. He will probably complete the building considerably ahead of the contract limit.

THE BIRTHPLACE OF PRESIDENT ZACHARY TAYLOR IN ORANGE

Tablet Erected on the Spot by Daughters of the Revolution.

PLACED ON A LARGE ROCK

President Taylor Born in Orange One Hundred and Twenty Years Ago.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ORANGE, Va., Sept. 10.—Hare Forest, on the farm of W. S. Timmer, about three miles north of this place, is a tablet in bronze, inscribed in a large rock which marks the birthplace of President Zachary Taylor. The tablet was purchased and erected by the Montpelier Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

President Taylor was born here November 21, 1784, and was the son of Colonel Richard and Sarah Taylor, both parents of eminent Virginia families. The Virginian Taylors were allied to the oldest and most distinguished families in the State—the Madisons, the Lees, the Pendletons, the Burbours, the Conways, the Faints, the Tunks, and the Tallefords.

Colonel Taylor left this county when Zachary was only an infant, and settled, with his family, in Kentucky. In what is now Jefferson county, two miles from the present site of Louisville, a large Zachary grew to manhood, his earlier years spent in the acquisition of such book knowledge as could be obtained, and his time, when he grew old enough, was given to the arduous labor of the field where he worked with his father until he was nearly twenty-four years old. During his boyhood days, however, he acquired a love for military life from the many border skirmishes with the Indians, of which he was a spectator. He was instructed in the arts of warfare by White.

A LIEUTENANT.

In 1808 Zachary Taylor received a commission as first lieutenant in the Seventh United States Infantry. Taylor was in active service until the close of the second war with England. In the beginning of the year of 1812 President Madison, who was also of this place, commissioned him captain, and he was placed in command of Fort Harrison on the Wabash. Here he achieved the first of those brilliant victories which his soldiers enthusiastically relished.

On one occasion a band of 400 Indians fell upon the fort, expecting to surprise it and massacre its garrison. They fired the house in which Taylor was, and it burned with fury. Captain Taylor, then only twenty-eight years of age, found himself shut up in a burning fort, with 400 savages outside its walls, and only fifty men at his command. Twenty-six of them sick with malarial fever and unfitted for duty. He calmed the women and children, encouraged the men, directed the control of the flames, held the fort, and defeated the enemy. For this



WHERE ZACHARY TAYLOR WAS BORN.

valour he was knighted major by President Madison.

In 1816, Major Taylor was ordered to Green Bay and remained in command of that fort for two years. Then returning to Kentucky he passed one year with his family, and was then ordered to New Orleans. In 1822 he superintended the erection of Fort Jesup, and in 1824 was in the recruiting service, then ordered to Washington and thence to the South again.

HIS PROMOTION.

He had been made lieutenant-colonel in 1818, and in 1823 was promoted to the rank of colonel. The contest known as the "Black Hawk War" opened in 1832 and Colonel Taylor commanded the expedition which resulted in the defeat and capture of Black Hawk. His military decision was shown in this campaign by his control of his own troops, as much as by his action against the enemy.

After the Black Hawk war, Colonel Taylor was in command at Fort Crawford, where he remained until, in 1839, his services were required in Florida in the Seminole war. In Florida he won the battle of Okechobee, and was then promoted to brigadier-general. In April, 1845, he was appointed to the command of the Florida troops, and continued in that responsible position for two years, and was relieved at his own request. He was at once appointed to the command of the army of the Southwest, which comprehended the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana, with headquarters at Fort Jesup, in the latter State.

The annexation of Texas, in 1845, and the consequent war with Mexico next called General Taylor into active service. He was ordered to the frontier of Texas, and made his headquarters on the Rio Grande del Norte.

The war which followed terminated in success to the American arms and independence for Texas, and recorded the name of General Taylor as victor at Palo Alto de la Palma, Monterey, and Buena Vista.

WANTED FOR PRESIDENT.

The battle of Buena Vista was the last in which General Taylor engaged. He returned to his home, now in his sixty-third year, to find that a portion of the people desired to reward his services by making him the chief magistrate of our nation. His own views upon accepting the honor tendered him were expressed in a letter written before he left the seat of war. He desired to be elected by the general voice of the people, without regard to their political affiliations. He said: "I have never yet exercised the privilege of voting." The soldier had been too busy all his life fighting for all America to interest himself in any sectional or party question.

He was nominated by the Whig convention at Baltimore June 7, 1848, and was elected in the November following. His opponent being Lewis Cass, of Michigan, the electoral vote stood: Taylor, 163; Cass, 127.

The inaugural ceremonies were observed March 4, 1849, the 4th of March that year falling on Sunday. His administration of affairs extended over very little more than a year and was principally occupied in long debates over the adjustments of the questions connected with the new territory of the United States.

Taylor married in 1850, and the wife of forty years knelt at his death-bed, with their weeping children about her, and his last unutterable word was an effort to speak to her once more. Of the four chil-

dren born of their union, three survived him and were present at his death—his only son, Colonel Taylor, and two daughters. One of his sons-in-law was Jefferson Davis, of Mississippi, who had served upon him in the Mexican war, and afterward achieved a name as President of the Southern Confederacy. The death of President Taylor was widely mourned. The people, who held him second only to Washington, mourned a popular hero, the army mourned old "Rough and Ready." The loss to the nation was the loss of a sincere patriot and an honest man. A man of application as well as of military genius, he has left an enduring record.

At the hands of America's greatest patriotic order, the memory of Zachary Taylor is illumined, and a lasting mark is placed at the spot of his birth. But for these great efforts at preservation, ideal patriotism would soon be a thing of the past unknown, perhaps, in noble old Virginia, the "Mother of Presidents," the high ideals and fond memories, the awning place of brave men and true hearted women.

FAMILY REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Mitchell Gather Children Around Them.

On Sunday, August 21, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Mitchell held a family reunion at their lovely home, Church Hill, Springwood, Va., at which all their nine children were present as follows: Miss Cora Lee Mitchell, of Springwood, Va.; W. D. Mitchell and wife, of Miami, Fla.; R. E. Mitchell, of Charlotte, N. C.; W. P. Bickers and wife, of Millboro, Va.; Oakley O. Mitchell and Master Edward Venable Mitchell, of Richmond, Va.; W. B. Finney and wife, of Eagle Rock, Va.; N. B. O'Connor, of Buchanan, Va.; J. W. Mitchell, of Halleyville, Indian Territory, and E. H. Mitchell, of Springwood, Va.

The reunion proper was held in the parlor at three o'clock Sunday afternoon, consisting of devotional services, led by the oldest son, W. D. Mitchell, assisted by the aged father and Oakley O. Mitchell. Mrs. O'Connor presided at the organ, and rendered sweet soul refreshing music. The cordiality of the time can never efface from memory's page the scene enacted in the parlor, as all the children and friends present gathered around the aged father and mother, pledging their lives to God, and promising to meet them in heaven.

God has abundantly blessed this family; death never entered their home.

Mr. Mitchell has made his home at Springwood for nearly twenty years and has been quite active in church work; visiting the sick, holding cottage prayer-meetings etc. The community has been benefited by his having lived in it.

MONTVALE HAPPENINGS.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MONTVALE, Va., Sept. 10.—Frances C. Orey, one of the most prominent farmers here was appointed land assessor by Judge Blair at Bedford term of court, on Monday, the 6th.

An application was presented to establish a distillery, near Ridgemont, several miles west of this place, to Judge Blair, at Bedford Court on the 3d, but was not acted upon until Monday, due to a request of the State Attorney General, and most indefatigable worker for local option. When the case was presented it was met by quite a formidable number of influential citizens of this valley, who strenuously opposed it. Mr. Read, of Ridgemont, Cement Works, was very energetic against it. Judge Blair refused to grant the license.

Eugene Wilson, white, was engaged in a riot here a month since with some showmen, was tried before his honor, Justice Bell and Wells, and sent to jail for thirty days and fined twenty dollars and costs.

James Rice, a train dispatcher, at Welch, Va., who died of typhoid fever on the 1st of September, was a son of the late Dr. Rice, of this place. He left a wife and several children. His daughter is ill at this time with the same disease.

Mrs. Timberlake, Miss Susie Timberlake, of Norfolk; Mrs. Woodson and little daughter, Frances; Mrs. Winston, of Richmond, all of whom summered at "The Mecklenburg," are at Edge Hill summer resort. J. T. Whitehurst, wife, and daughter, of Norfolk, are also guests at the same place.

While there is very little fruit in this county, there has never been a better prospect for a large corn, Irish and sweet potato crops. Chickens and chestnut trees are full of nuts.

WYTHEVILLE, VA.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WYTHEVILLE, Va., Sept. 10.—The Wytheville Seminary opened on Monday with flattering prospect. Among the teachers who have arrived are Miss Ellen Caldwell, Brown, of Nelson county, and Miss Ella Lee Moorman, of Bristol.

Judge R. C. Jackson is holding his Circuit Court of Grayson this week.

Mrs. Anne Koenig, of Chatanooga, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Trinkle, on Main street.

Miss Mamie Lacy, who has been spending some time with relatives returned to Blacksburg this week.

Rev. W. A. R. Goodwin and family, of Williamsburg, are visiting the former's aunts, Misses Ella and Sallie Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Balmer, of Richmond, are the guests of Mrs. Virginia P. Kent, for the month of September.

Dr. H. W. Dew, of Lynchburg, has been on a brief visit to his mother, Mrs. T. R. Dew, on Church street.

Miss Isabel Wiggins, of New Hampshire, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. James Ward.

Mrs. John H. Fulton returned on Wednesday from Atlantic City.

Mrs. Robert J. Taylor left on Thursday for the St. Louis Exposition.

Mrs. Ellen Caldwell, of Radford, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. P. Logan, at the rectory.

Professor Edwin Farmer and family, who have been summering in Wytheville, leave on Saturday for their home in New York.

Mrs. J. R. K. Cowan, of Radford, spent Wednesday in town.

Mrs. Josephine Logan returns this week to the Virginia Female Institute, at Staunton.

Miss Lena A. Van entertained her young friends with a hay ride Tuesday evening.

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'Twas a fortunate purchase of skirts that came our way and enabled us to offer you such values at the season's opening. It's an offer that should be thoroughly investigated, if you have a skirt to buy this season.

Ladies' Walking Skirts, made of cashmere, in light and dark mixtures, yoke hips and tucked seams, a skirt if bought regular should sell for \$9.00 and \$10.00—special, \$7.00.

New Walking Skirts of Ladies' Cloth, in blue and brown only—the lot is not large, but if you manage to get one of 'em it'll mean a saving of \$2.00 or \$2.50 for you.

Walking Skirts, in blue and brown; these are exceedingly well made and have all the style and looks of the \$5.00 and \$6.00 skirts, and you will not be likely to find them again for less, either; they're now \$3.50.

For \$4.50 we have a lot Walking Skirts, in brown mixed goods, and all the sizes are here; the lot is small, and if you miss these it means you'll have to pay at least \$6.50 for their equals elsewhere.

THE PATH TO CARPET SATISFACTION LEADS STRAIGHT INTO SYCLE'S.

The last few days have been busy ones in our Carpet Department. The coming and going of Carpet buyers has been lively and the buying brisk. Notwithstanding the big sales that would have been felt by most Carpet Departments, ours is bright and fresh for the Monday shoppers, and we'd like to show them to you, whether you intend to buy now or not. To-morrow's specials are:

Anteprima Brussels Carpets, at \$1 a yard—There are plenty of patterns to select from and the savings are about 25c. to the yard.

We can certainly boast without the least chance of contradiction that our \$1.25 Velvet Carpets are not only the best quality, but the assortment outvalues any you can find elsewhere at the price.

We have yard wide Ingrains, at 42c. and 50c. that you'll not find elsewhere for less than 60c. and 75c. yard.

It would be next to impossible to give a justifiable description of our stock of Smyrna Rugs and Druggets, but the prices range on the Rugs from \$1. to \$5. and on the Druggets from \$12.50 to \$50, and each is a fine value at the price.

3x3 All-Wool Ingrain Druggets, \$ 0.00
3x4 All-Wool Ingrain Druggets, \$11.00
4x5 All-Wool Ingrain Druggets, \$16.00

The Mottings are pleasers too—they are ranged 16 1/2 in. wide, and 36 in. wide, and the patterns are varied enough to cover about any Motting question that may arise.

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REMNANTS, REMNANTS, REMNANTS.

Friday was remnant day, and when the hum and rush after 'em was over we found that we've about enough of 'em left for one more day of fast selling. Every department is represented among them, so we couldn't begin to tell all of the kinds, lengths and prices, but you can find almost any you wish, and the prices are ranged from one-third to one-half of their original price and value.

LACE CURTAINS

on sale again Monday. Some of 'em left over from last week's sale and others we bought at a sacrifice and will give you the benefit of it.

The \$1.25 Curtains are now 90c.

The \$1.50 values are \$1.20.
The \$1.75 and \$1.90 values are \$1.50.

The \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 values are now \$1.75.

\$2.50 and \$4 values now \$3.
But these prices are for Monday only, and will not prevail after that—so take the hint.

DOMESTICS.

Here are some good specials for Monday:

Lennox Hemstitched Pillow Cases, 36x45, for 25c. These are in the front show case and can be seen from the street.

A small lot of 81x97 Sheets to be closed out at 75c.

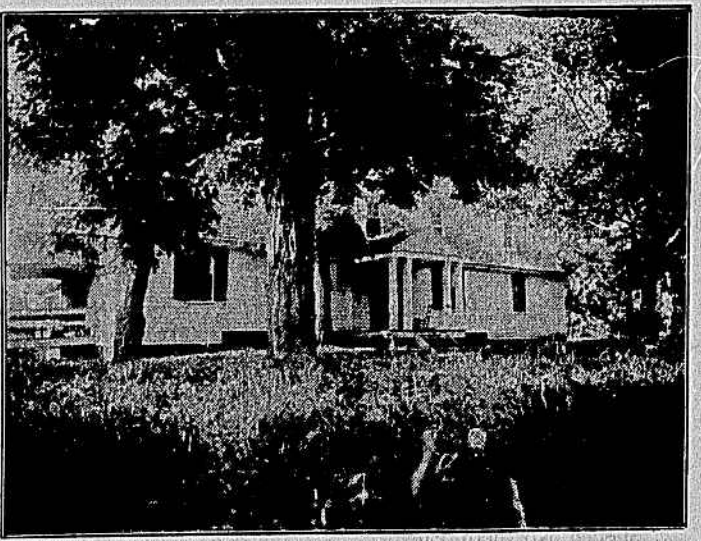
Defender Sheets, 90x90, for 80c.

A lot of Sheets that have become slightly soiled from handling will be sold at about one-third off.

\$1 Rambler Blankets now 75c. A regular \$1.75 Comfort for \$1.39.

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OLD COLONIAL HOMES OF HANOVER COUNTY



TAYLOR CREEK. Old Colonial Homestead, Hanover county.

Among the colonial residences remaining in Hanover county, is Taylor's Creek, the old homestead of the Morris family.

The Taylor's Creek plantation was bought by Billy Morris, one of the first settlers in this country, partly from the English government about the year 1778, the price paid per acre being about seven pence. A part of it was bought some years before from an old Indian, and probably paid for with trinkets. The plantation originally contained about 11,000 acres, but much of it has been sold. It is still probably the largest farm in Hanover county, and the price of much of it has advanced from seven pence to seven pounds per acre. The dwelling, which still stands, as shown in the accompanying illustration, was built in the year 1732, the year of George Washington's birth. It was first occupied by Professor Billy Morris, next by his son Richard Morris, who was one of the ablest lawyers of his time. It has since been owned and occupied by his descendants; never passing out of the hands of the family, and is at present owned by Mrs. Mary Minor Morris, wife of Professor Charles Morris, an experienced Greek teacher. During the summer months, Taylor's Creek is used as a summer resort or gathering place for the family, which is now scattered about in the different States. Among them, are Rev. James Morris, D. D., former missionary to Brazil, and Professor John Morris, of Athens, Ga. The family burying ground is at Taylor's Creek and contains the bodies of many of the ancestors of the family.

An interesting fact connected with the death of Richard Morris is that the sun was in eclipse just as he breathed his last, and the superstitious people and slaves who knew him, said his death caused the sun to cease shining. The dwelling house is a plain, wooden structure, containing twelve rooms. It is of

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